

NEW-ARK COMMUNITY COALITION
Under the auspices of
"THE HOUR OF AWARENESS AND LIBERATION"

Headquarters:

243-0499

Central United Presbyterian Church
Clinton, Belmont and Madison Avenues
Newark, New Jersey 07108
Saturday, April 18, 1970 4:00 P.M.

SPECIAL NOTICE: This press release statement is being submitted by the New-Ark Community Coalition in conjunction with other concerned religious and civic organizations of the city; seeking to be viable instruments of change, group expression and self determination.

THE AGENDA

1. The New-Ark Community Coalition in conjunction with other concerned religious and civic organizations view with exceedingly great alarm and concern the unwise and unwarranted action on the part of the fifty Negro ministers who endorsed Mayor Hugh J. Addonizio on Monday, April 6, 1970.
2. To endorse Mr. Addonizio's candidacy is tantamount to frustrating the dreams and hopes of the great majority of black people not only in Newark, but also in America; the dream that black men of courage and ability, and of moral, spiritual and intellectual stamina will come to the helm of many of our nation's largest cities which are currently torn by racial tensions and strife. To the very best of our knowledge eight out of every ten black people in Newark hope that a good black man will be elected Mayor of our city in 1970. We join with those people, both black and white, who are putting forth their best effort to elect a good black man, who is efficient and able, to the Mayor's office this year. Some of us are supporting the candidacy of George Richardson. Some of us are supporting Kenneth Gibson, and some of us are supporting Harry Wheeler, but we are all one in our effort to elect a good black Mayor.
3. We are questioning why it is that, at such a time as when black people are seeking to have a greater voice in the political process, and at such time as when Newark has a real opportunity to gain representative political power which reflects the ethnic makeup of this city, these Negroes who call themselves leaders would flock to the beckoning call of an Administration which has been tainted as being corrupt and ineffective in dealing with the multitude of problems facing this city?
4. During the entire crime and corruption investigations in which the Mayor, and several officials holding lofty positions in his administration, were indicted, and at least one resigned under fire; not once has the Mayor spoken out against crime in high places, whether relating to the ones awaiting trial, or to the one who resigned before trial. We hold that while the Mayor was under indictment he had neither the moral or legal right to fire anyone who took issue with his shady reputation; we hold that the only one he had the right and duty to fire was himself.

5. We believe that Mayor Addonizio should have resigned, or at least he should have allowed others to differ with him if they felt that the people of Newark had lost confidence in his administration...and there is plenty of evidence all around us to support this contention.
6. Therefore, in the face of prevailing circumstances, as pointed out by what we see every day, and what the Governor's Special Commission on Civil Disorders pointed out so clearly; and because we want a clean city, physically, morally, and legally, we can not endorse Mr. Addonizio, and look with grave suspicion and distrust on those who feel they can afford to do so.
7. We strongly feel that these Ministers should retract this endorsement, or else they must be regarded as a part of the problem rather than as part of the solution.


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1. "For My People", Margaret Walker
 2. "Lift Every Voice and Sing", The People
 3. The Invocation: Rev. H. Tucker: Director of Urban Work For the American Baptist Convention in New Jersey
 4. Welcome: Rev. Henry Cade
 5. The Ministerial - Mayoral Luncheon and the question of Community Self Determination: Rev. T.M. Booth; Rev. W. Pierce; Rev. R. Grant; and Rev. H.P. Sharper.
 6. Music: The choir of Clear-View Baptist Church
 7. Reading of Press Release Statement
 8. Contributions: Program expenses and Coalition Fund (Rev. C.E. Thomas)
A.) Musical selection
 9. Introduction of guest speaker: Rev. James Arthur Scott, Minister of Bethany Baptist Church.
A.) Guest Speaker: Rev. W. P. Collier, Secretary-Treasurer of the Department of Home and Foreign Mission (A.M.E. Church)
 10. Solo: "Exodus", Mrs. S. Clark, Accompanied by Mrs. Henry Cade
 11. Introduction of guest speaker: Rev. Ralph Stephens (Director of Urban Ministry of the Metropolitan United Methodist Ministry).
A.) Guest Speaker: Rev. W.A. Jones, Minister of Bethany Baptist Church of Brooklyn, New York -- Chairman for Board of S.C.L.C.'s
 - OPERATION BREAD BASKET.
 12. "Battle Hymn of The Republic"
 13. The Benediction: Rev. A. Smith, Pastor of Gethsemane Baptist Church;
 - 1st. V. President of the General Baptist Convention of New Jersey

"Power, properly understood, is the ability, to achieve purpose. It is the strength required to bring about social, political, or economic changes. Power without love is reckless and abusive and love without power is sentimental and anemic." (M.D. King).

Please leave song sheets in the pews.

Thank you.

NEXT MEETING OF NEW-ARK COMMUNITY COALITION:
SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 1970 2:00 P.M.